UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
GENERAL

A/49/283
28 July 1994

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-ninth session
Item 103 of the provisional agenda*

HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS

Letter dated 26 July 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the European Union I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a declaration by the European Union on the Gambia, issued on 25 July 1994 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 103 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Gerhard HENZE

* A/49/150.

94-30674 (E) 280794 28/07/94

/...

ANNEX

[Original: English and French]

Statement on the Gambia issued on 25 July 1994 on behalf of the European Union by its Presidency

The European Union has learnt with great dismay of the attempted overthrow of the democratically elected Government of the Gambia. It calls on the Gambian army to return to barracks immediately and to give its full allegiance to the legitimate Government of the Gambia with which the European Union enjoys excellent relations. The European Union reaffirms its attachment to the principles of representative democracy and the rule of law. It also draws attention to the implications of the reported coup for the economy of the Gambia if member States are obliged to review their aid programmes.